SPECIAL EFFECT IMAGE Generating APPARATUS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5   A special effect image generating apparatus provided

with an image conversion processing circuit for

posterization or other image conversion, a luminance and

chroma condition setting circuit for image extraction by

luminance and colors, a mask pattern generator for

10   selection of a mask, and mixer for preparing a video

signal, a transformation unit for transformation

processing such as movement, and a post video

modification unit for addition of a locus etc. The

extracted image automatically tracks movement of the

15   image so there is no change in visual effects, images

having the same luminance and color conditions can be

deleted by mask adjustment, movement of the image can be

handled by adjustment of the mask, and highly accurate

boundaries can be set by the wave-filtering and shaping

20   circuit. Therefore, a special effect image with

distinctive luminance and color can be easily prepared.